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Sir:

In partial response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2004 in connection with the above identified application, Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention an apparent oversight in the Office Action that requires clarification. In the Notice of References Cited (PTO892), references C and E are identical, i.e. US-6,026,383 to Ausubel ("383 Patent") has been cited twice. This is believed to be an error since, in reviewing the substance of the Office Action, Applicants' representative noted that the Examiner has quoted or referred to specific passages of the '383 specification which do not actually exist. It appears to Applicants representative that perhaps a second patent issued to Ausubel which

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the Examiner intended to cite in addition to the '383 patent, however the number of this second patent is unknown to Applicants.

Under these circumstances, it is not currently possible to prepare a full and complete response to the outstanding Office Action until clarification of the above issue can be obtained. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner investigate the discrepancy described above, issue a corrected PTO-892 and reset the period for response.

If the Examiner believes that direct communication with Applicants' representative would clarify the above issues, she is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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